

**US Department of Justice
Edward Byrne Memorial
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
Application and Proposal
FY 2015 Local Solicitation**

West Jordan Police Department, West Jordan Utah

\$29,487.00

“CLEAR COMMUNICATION”

FY 2015 BJA Justice Assistance Grant

Abstract

NAME: West Jordan City

TITLE OF PROJECT: Clear Communication

The West Jordan Police Department has 111 sworn officers and 45 civilian employees and volunteers. The hand-held radios that are currently being used by our officers and staff are breaking down, and are so old they are no longer serviced by the manufacturer and replacement parts are no longer available. Our goal with the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant, for fiscal year 2015, is to purchase new hand-held radios for our officers.

PROJECT IDENTIFIERS:

- Communications
- Equipment; general, tactical & audio
- Officer Safety
- Policing
- Surveillance
- System Improvements
- Traffic Enforcement

Program Narrative

One of the most critical abilities police officers need to perform their duties is to communicate with each other, with dispatchers and with other law enforcement agencies. Essential to this ability is the hand-held radio. The hand-held radios currently being used by the West Jordan police department are over 10 years old. The manufacturer no longer produces these radios and no longer makes parts to service them. The heavy duty use and years of service are weighing heavily on these radios, resulting in increasingly common failures. Additionally, there are other capabilities that will be necessary in the coming years for which the current radios cannot be configured (i.e. the current radios are of analog configuration and will not operate on the digital backbone being implemented for radio communications).

The West Jordan Police Department is very mindful of our responsibility to be fiscally responsible to our citizens. In that mind, we have used these radios to their limit of serviceability and have begun to replace them. The replacement model we are purchasing is the Motorola APX 6000, for which our cost is \$2,768.25 for each radio package. The radio package includes: a radio, shoulder microphone and the essential programming and hardware for operation on our network.

Our department uses 150 hand-held radios to outfit all of our officers, volunteers and civilian staff members as we serve the city of West Jordan. Replacing each of these radios is a tremendous expense that we are extending over a number of years. This grant will provide timely and dearly needed funds to help purchase 11 radios.

The West Jordan Police Department has contacted Utah Communications Authority, which is acting as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for the FCC and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications, who have instructed us that the Motorola APX 6000 is the hand-held radio that we should obtain in order to:

- Be in compliance with the FY 2015 SAFECOM Guidance on Emergency Communications Grants.
- Adhere to the technical standards set forth by the FCC to operate in the 700 MHz public safety band.
- Support the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) for coordination and collaboration within the emergency response community.

Budget and Budget Narrative

Equipment

Motorola APX 6000 hand-held radio	11 @ \$2,768.25	\$30,450.75
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<u>Total costs to the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG grant:</u>	<u>\$29,487.00</u>
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As outlined above, West Jordan will use the funds allocated by the 2015 JAG grant to purchase 11 Motorola APX 6000 hand-held radios. Additional costs for the radios in excess of the funds from this grant will be paid for by the city of West Jordan.

Applicant Disclosure of High Risk Status

West Jordan City is not designated as being high risk by any federal grant making agency.

Review Narrative

The West Jordan Police Department is committed to providing our officers and staff with the ability to communicate with reliable and capable hand-held radios. Utilizing this grant, West Jordan Police department will purchase 11 Motorola APX 6000 hand-held radios.

The City of West Jordan will publish the Fiscal Year 2015 JAG application on its web site and it will be posted at city hall on or before June 3, 2015, making it available to the public and members of the City Council. The Fiscal Year 2015 JAG application will be on the agenda for the West Jordan City Council meeting on July 8, 2015, when citizens will be given opportunity

to make comments. A verification notice of the completion of the 30 day period necessary for review by the governing body and public hearing will be sent to the program manager.

Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications

The City of West Jordan and the West Jordan Police Department do not have any other pending applications for funding to support this project.